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LOK SABHA

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DECLARATION OF SEPARATE SUGAR CANE PRICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has declared a separate sugarcane priceof its own besides the price already announced by the Union Government thereby creating friction between sugarcane growers and sugar mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) ofsugarcane for every season under the provisions of Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966. For the current sugar season, the Central Government has fixed the SMP of sugarcane atRs.69.50 per quintal linked to 8.5% recovery. On 12.11.2002, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has announced the cane price in respect of U.P. State Sugar Corporation and Cooperative Sugar Mills at the same level as fixed for the last sugar season.